

MINUTES—October 16, 1997
State Capitol

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by board chair, Linda Davis. Board members present: Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Sue Andrews, Don Haugen, Bev Sandness. ESPB staff members present: Marilyn Ridenhower, Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Bonnie Thompson.

Board members absent were Mike Schatz and Randy Gordon.

Visitors present were Joe Westby and Max Laird from NDEA, Larry Klundt from ND Council of Educational Leaders and Richard Ott from the School Boards Association.

A motion was made by Doug Johnson to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Seconded by Don Haugen and carried.

Staff member, Bonnie Thompson, gave the financial report. A motion was made by Don to approve the financial report. Seconded by Doug and carried. ESPB has not received a final report from DPI. OMB has billed ESPB for rent. The rent charge is by the square ft rather than FTE's.

Executive Director, Marilyn Ridenhower, reported on her trip to St. Louis (regional NASDTEC meeting). She indicated that reciprocity is getting closer to meeting our standards. Also, other states are having similar problems with teachers crossing state lines who have 10 years of service not meeting state requirements. NASDTEC would like to raise the membership fee. Marilyn voted no the membership increase.

Asst. Director, Deb Jensen, mentioned the upcoming program approval visitations November 9 thru 12th. She also handed out the Program Approval Procedures Revision Manual.

Doug handed out the draft developed by the ESPB Subcommittee dealing with a provisional certificate/license that would assist in the certification process for applicants who are waiting for fingerprint clearance. Doug Bahr will work on the language changes to include:

- applicants must file an application, which would include fingerprinting process
- circumstance/just cause based on the hiring per superintendent/board
- change instructional days from 20 to 30 days

CASES

Barry Osborne
No answer to complaint

Becky Ellingson
Possible hearing

Paul Costanza
The hearing officer recommended a 1-year suspension. Motion made by Doug to accept recommendation. Seconded by Bev Sandness. Motion carried.

Mavis Rougledge/Myron Gruenich
Possible hearing. The two parties will be represented by Gary Thune.

Kristi Farnsworth
Marilyn and Diane Weber will be giving a deposition on November 4

Clem Boechler
The hearing scheduled for December 2/3

Tim Thueson
The hearing scheduled for November 6, but was later rescheduled to November 25

Karen Fox
ESPB received a letter the Mandaree School Public to drop breach of contract action

Meeting adjourned


Chair


Executive Director